GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Freedom Fighters
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of freedom fighters, widows of such freedom fighters and the eligible dependents of freedom fighters who are receiving pension under the Central "Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980" separately, State-wise;

(b) the total number of applications received/pending/rejected for grant of pension to the freedom fighters and the reasons for pendency of applications along with the steps taken to clear all the pending applications, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to grant pension to all freedom fighters and to provide aid to them for producing necessary documents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): The total number of the freedom fighters, their widows and eligible dependents receiving Central Samman Pension through various Banks as 30th June, 2015 under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, State-wise is given in the Annexure-I.

(b): No application for grant of pension, complete in all respects and duly verified and recommended by the concerned State Government is pending
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with this Ministry.

(c): The procedure for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme has been made simple and the required documents are forwarded by the State Government/Union Territory concerned with their recommendation for sanction of pension. In addition, there also exists a Committee of Eminent Freedom Fighters, chaired by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, to look into issues related to welfare of the freedom fighters/eligible dependents.
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